

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 have been cancelled. New claims 48-66 have been added. Claims 48-66 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, § 103, and § 112.

New claims 48-66 are distinguishable from Pinter, LaPorta, Segal, Poland, and McLaughlin, on which the rejection of claims 16 and 17 were based, because the new claims recite “a first device installed at a first physical location” and a “first presence signal” in response to which “a first image indicating the first individual’s presence at the first physical location” wherein “the first image is selected by the first individual, the first presence signal includes data that identifies the first image, and the first image is displayed to the second individual on a display surface associated with a lighting fixture installed at the second physical location.” New claims 48-66 are supported in the specification, without limitation, on page 17, line 4 – page 19, line 6.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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